

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in this regard;

(c) whether the Company has since paid the amount as directed by the Tribunal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Upto date information is not readily available. The same is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Loans to Artisans

1249. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide loans on low-rates of interest to the artisans in the country to promote the handicrafts projecting Indian Culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of artisans provided such loans during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) No specific scheme is being implemented by the Government to provide loans to artisans in the country to promote handicrafts projecting Indian Culture. However, handicraft artisans are eligible to get loans at low rate of interest under various poverty alleviation programmes which inter alia include Integrated Rural Development Programme and its allied programmes like TRYSEM, DWCRA etc. Besides, under various schemes of Banks and Financial Institutions involving refinance from NABARD and SIDBI, loans are available at low interest rate to handicrafts artisans.

(c) State-wise data on number of handicrafts artisans availing of such loans is not available separately.

[English]

Board of Directors of Banks

1250. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to reconstitute Board of Directors of Nationalised Banks and Financial Institutions; and

(b) if so, the details of fresh initiatives proposed and to ensure induction of professionals in the Board of Directors with proven track-record for effective functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Appointments of Directors on the Boards of

nationalised banks and financial institutions are made in accordance with the criteria and procedure prescribed in the relevant statutes. A number of professionals have already been inducted on the Boards of Directors of nationalised banks and financial institutions. While constituting such boards the plurality of Indian society is also kept in view.

IDBI Loan to the Entrepreneurs of Maharashtra

1251. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of application received by IDBI from entrepreneurs of Maharashtra during each of the last three years with break-up of applications approved and funds released;

(b) total financial assistance provided by IDBI to industrial ventures in Maharashtra during the last three years with percentage of growth;

(c) whether progress/performance of IDBI assisted projects in Maharashtra was reviewed recently by experts committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of IDBI defaulters in Maharashtra and amount involved; and

(f) the action taken for recovery of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) As per information provided by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the details of applications received under direct finance scheme by IDBI from entrepreneurs in Maharashtra and assistance sanctioned during the last three years was as under :

Year	Application received No.	(Rs. crore)	
		Applications to which assistance sanctioned No.	Amount
1993-94	453	359	2857
1994-95	409	383	3782
1995-96	322	245	3245

(b) Details of financial assistance provided by IDBI to industrial ventures in Maharashtra during the last three years are given below :

Year	*Assistance Sanctioned	% growth	(Rs. crore)	
			Assistance disbursed	growth
1993-94	3113	+50.7	1938	+74.2
1994-95	3964	+27.3	2450	+26.4
1995-96	3556	-11.3	1994	-18.6

* Schemes covered are direct finance, refinance and bills finance.